which environ it: makes it apprehensive[5], quick, forgetive[6], full of nimble, fiery, and delectable shapes; which delivered o'er to the voice, (the tongue,) which is the birth, becomes excellent wit. The second property of your excellent sherris is,—the warming of the blood; which, before cold and settled, left the liver white and pale, which is the badge of pusillanimity and cowardice: but the sherris warms it, and makes it course from the inwards to the parts extreme. It illumineth the face; which, as a beacon, gives warning to all the rest of this little kingdom, man, to arm: and then the vital commoners, and inland petty spirits, muster me all to their captain, the heart; who, great, and puffed up with this retinue *, doth any deed of courage; and this valour comes of sherris: So that skill in the weapon is nothing, without sack: for that sets it a-work: and learning, a mere hoard of gold kept by a devil[7], till sack commences it [8]5 and sets it in

* Folio, *his retinue*.

wiser than the rest, and he comes *me* to the bishop,'" Edit. 1575, p. 75. BOWLE.

5—apprehensive.] I. e. quick to understand. So, in The Revenger's Tragedy, 1608:

"Thou'rt a mad *apprehensive* knave."

Again, in Every Man out of his Humour: "You are too quick, too *apprehensive*." In this sense it is now almost disused. STEEVENS.

6 — forgetive.] *Forgetive from forge*; inventive, imaginative. JOHNSON.

7 — kept by a devil:] It was anciently supposed that all the mines of gold, &c. were guarded by evil spirits. So, in Certaine Secrete Wonders of Nature, &c. bl. l. by Edward Fenton, 1569: "There appeare at this day many strange visions and *nicked spi-*

rites in the *metal-mines* of the Create Turke —." "In the mine at Anneburg was a *mettal sprite* which killed twelve workemen ; the same causing the rest to forsake the myne, albeit it was very riche." P. 91. STEEVENS.

[8] — till sack COMMENCES it,] I believe, till sack gives it a beginning, brings it into action. Mr. Heath would read it. STEEVENS.